



TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. Also, enclosed herewith is a Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time. Since the due date of filing the Amendment fell on Sunday, April 23, 2006, the Amendment is being timely filed on Monday, April 24, 2006. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Additional Fee
Total Claims	26	41	0 x 50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	4	0 x 200	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$0.00

- * A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time.
- * Please provide any further extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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